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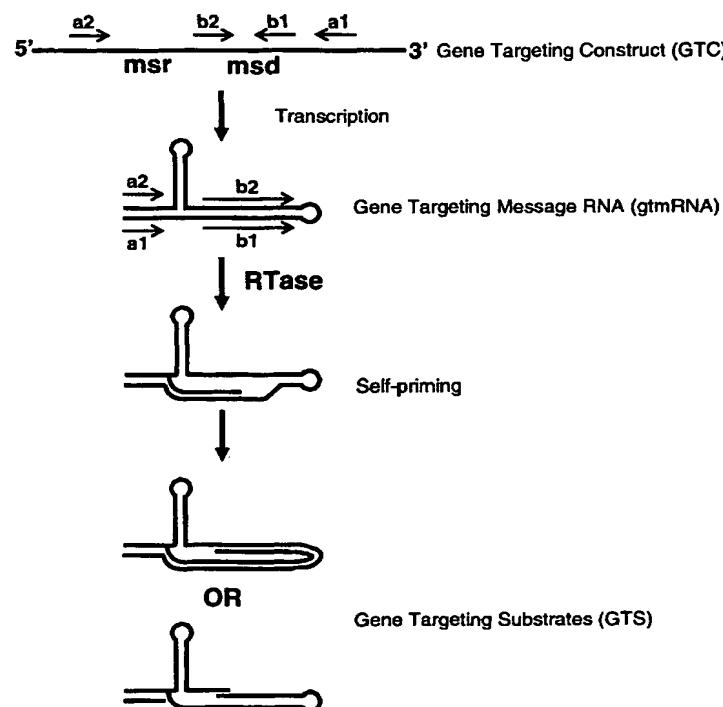
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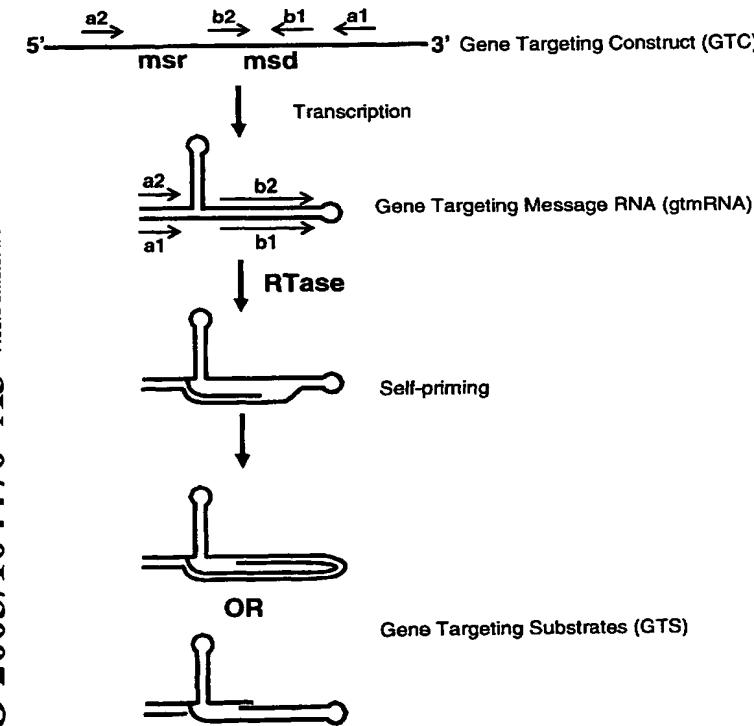
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method of modifying a target nucleic acid within a genome of a host involving a reverse transcriptase, gene targeting constructs for said method, vectors, hosts

2. claim: 7

reverse transcriptase having a nuclear localization signal sequence

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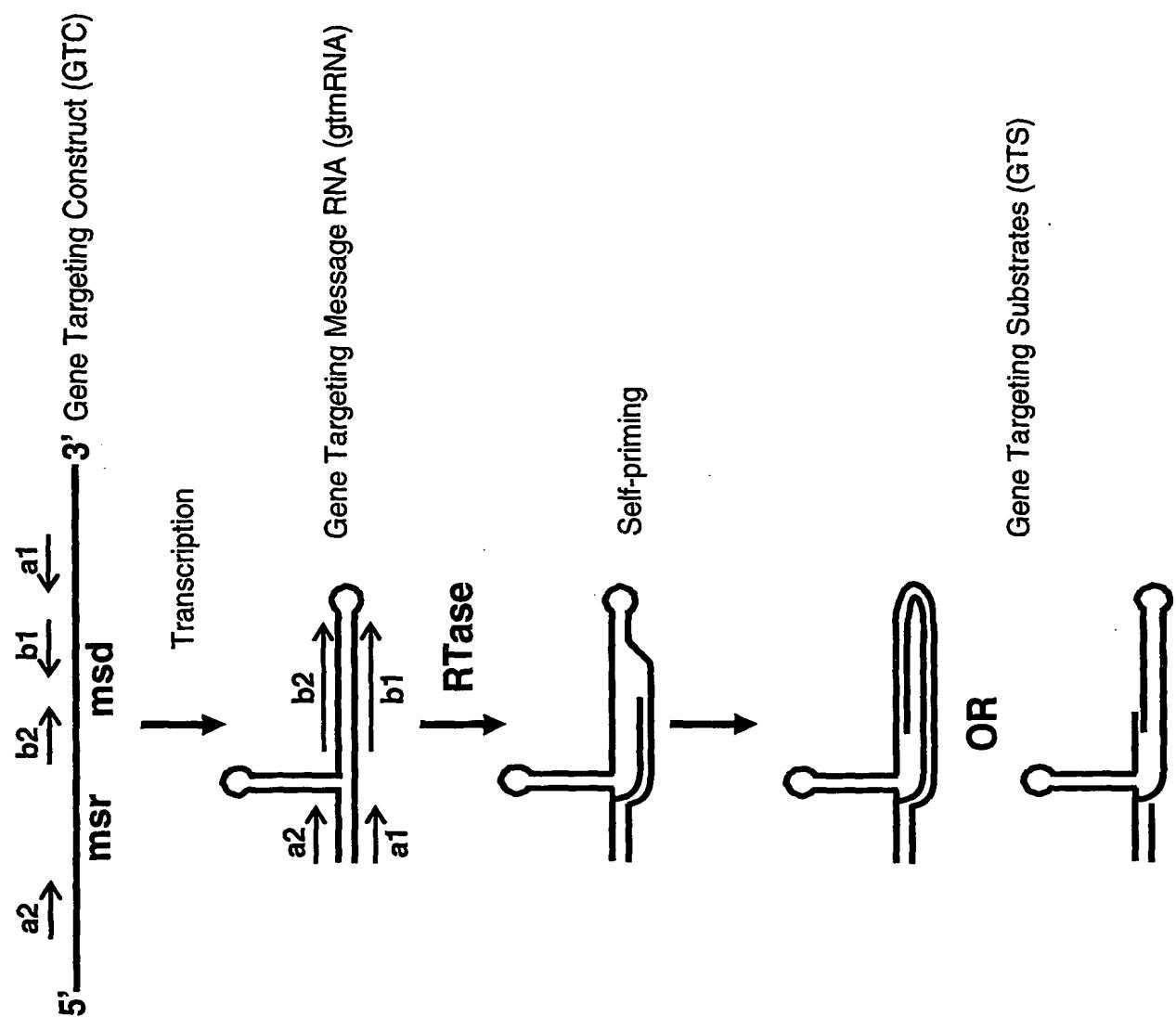


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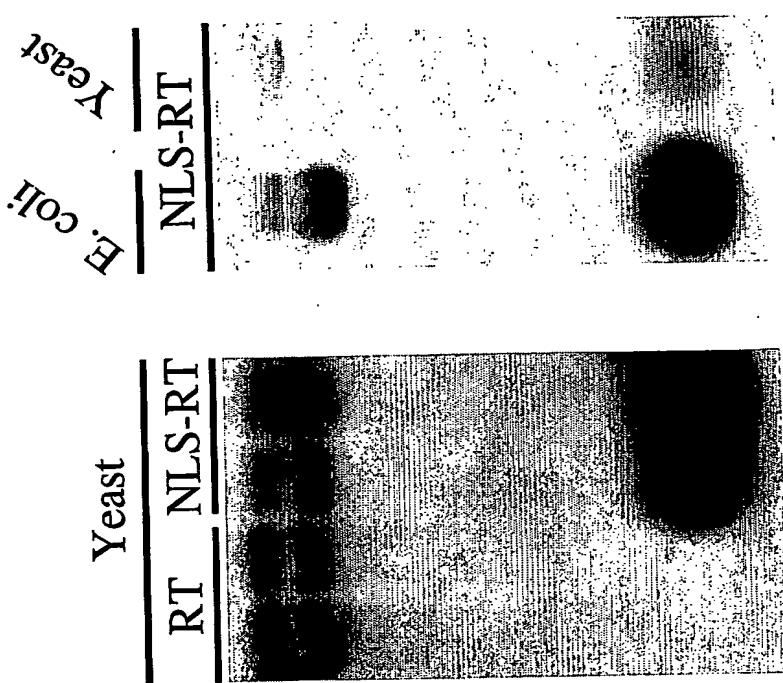


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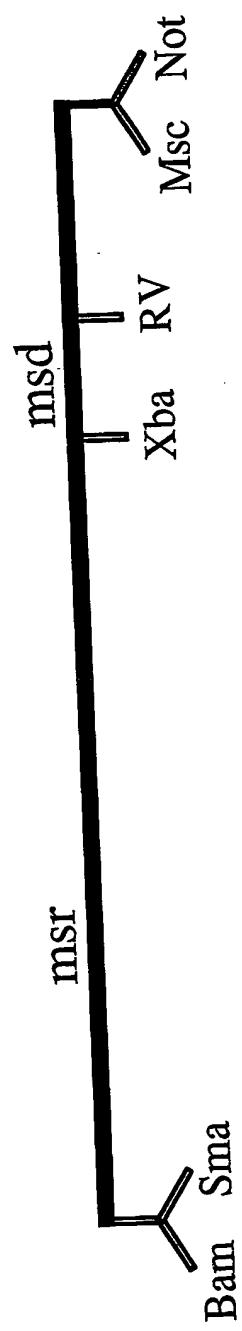
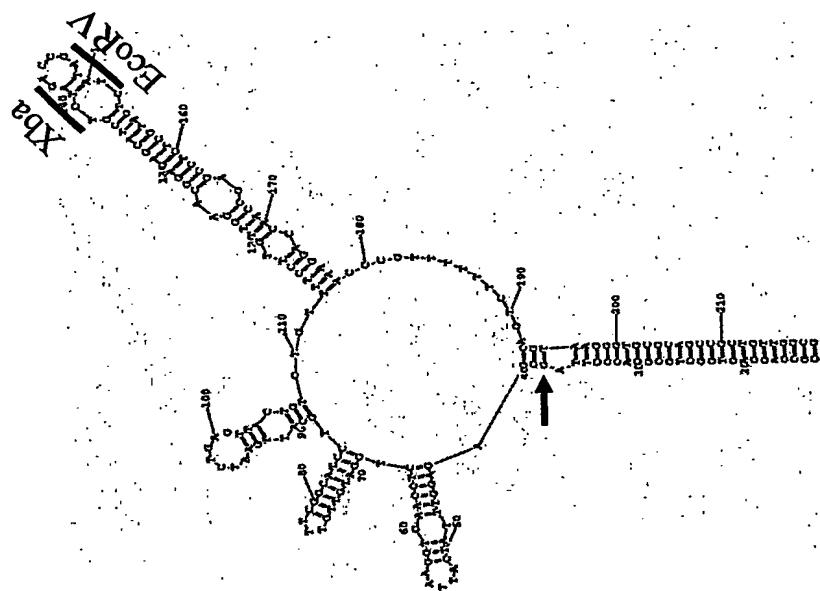


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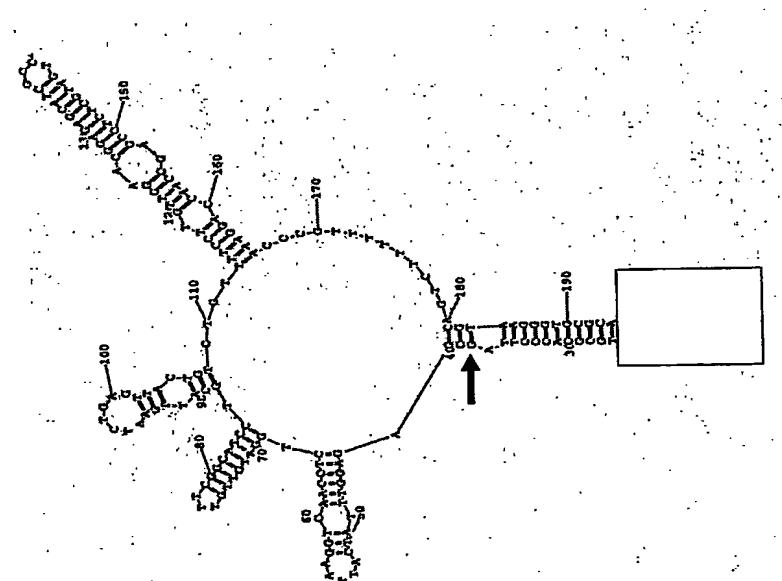


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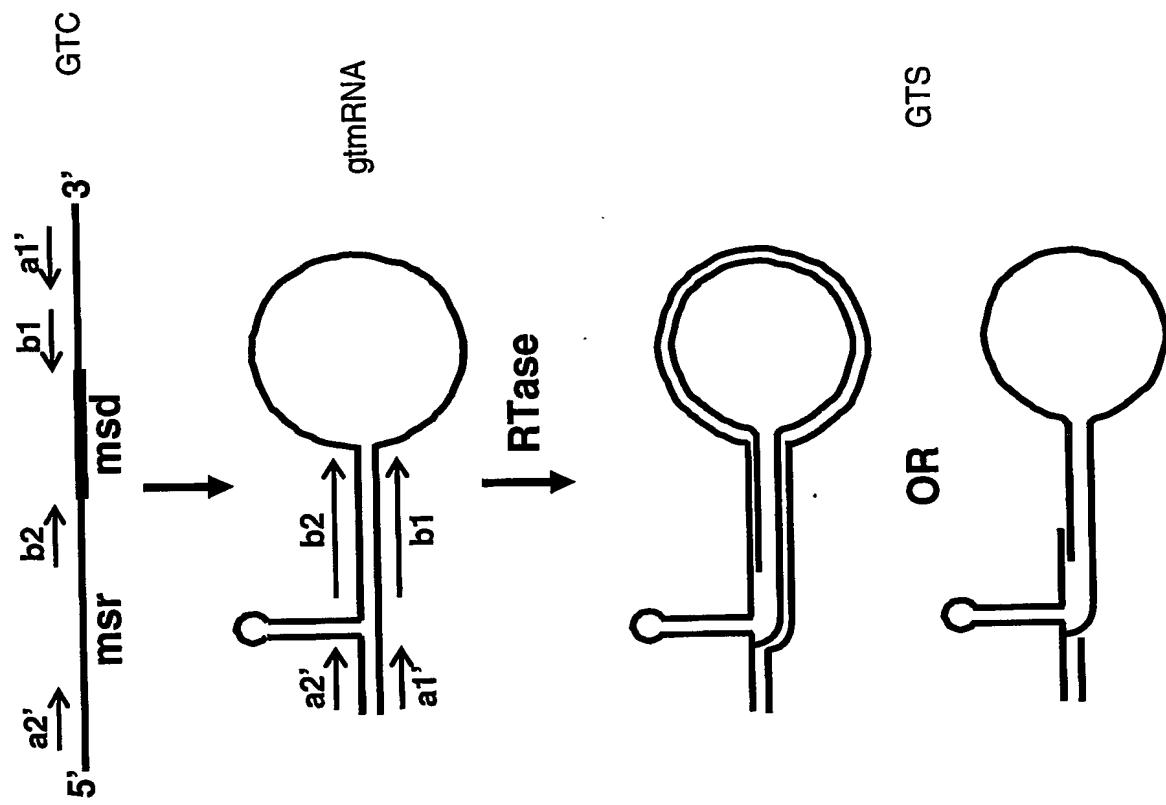


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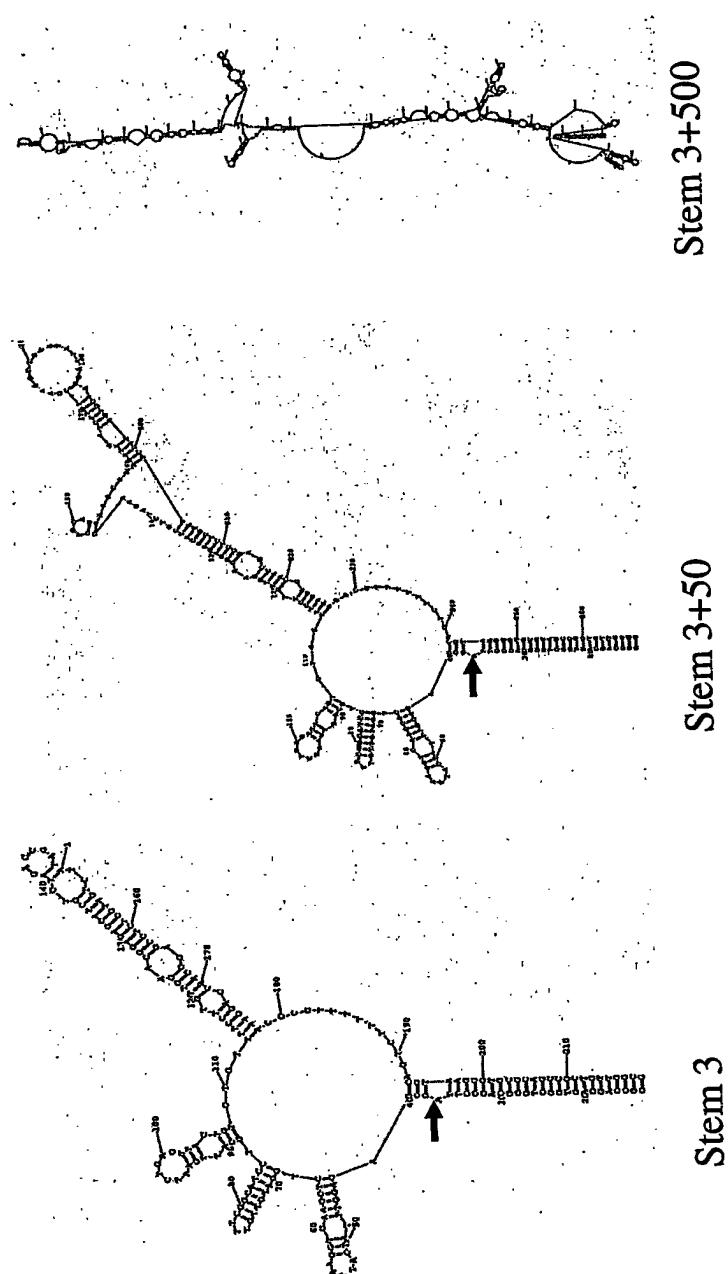


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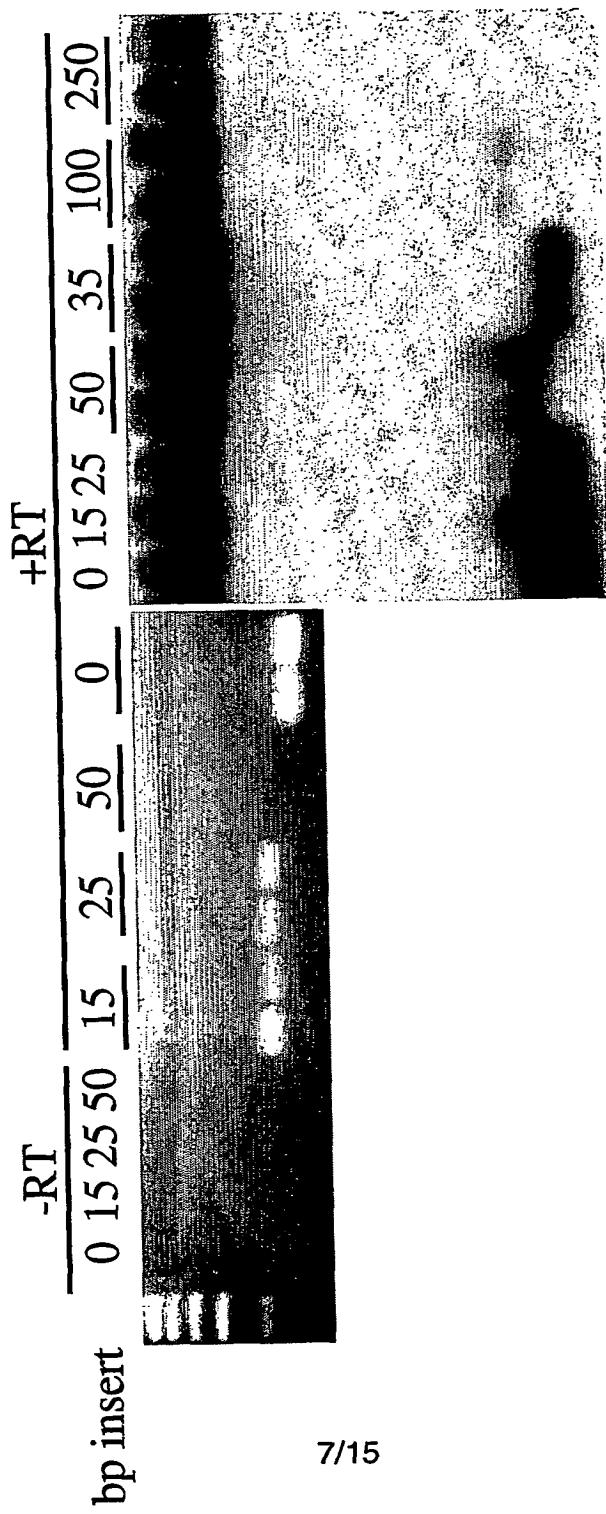


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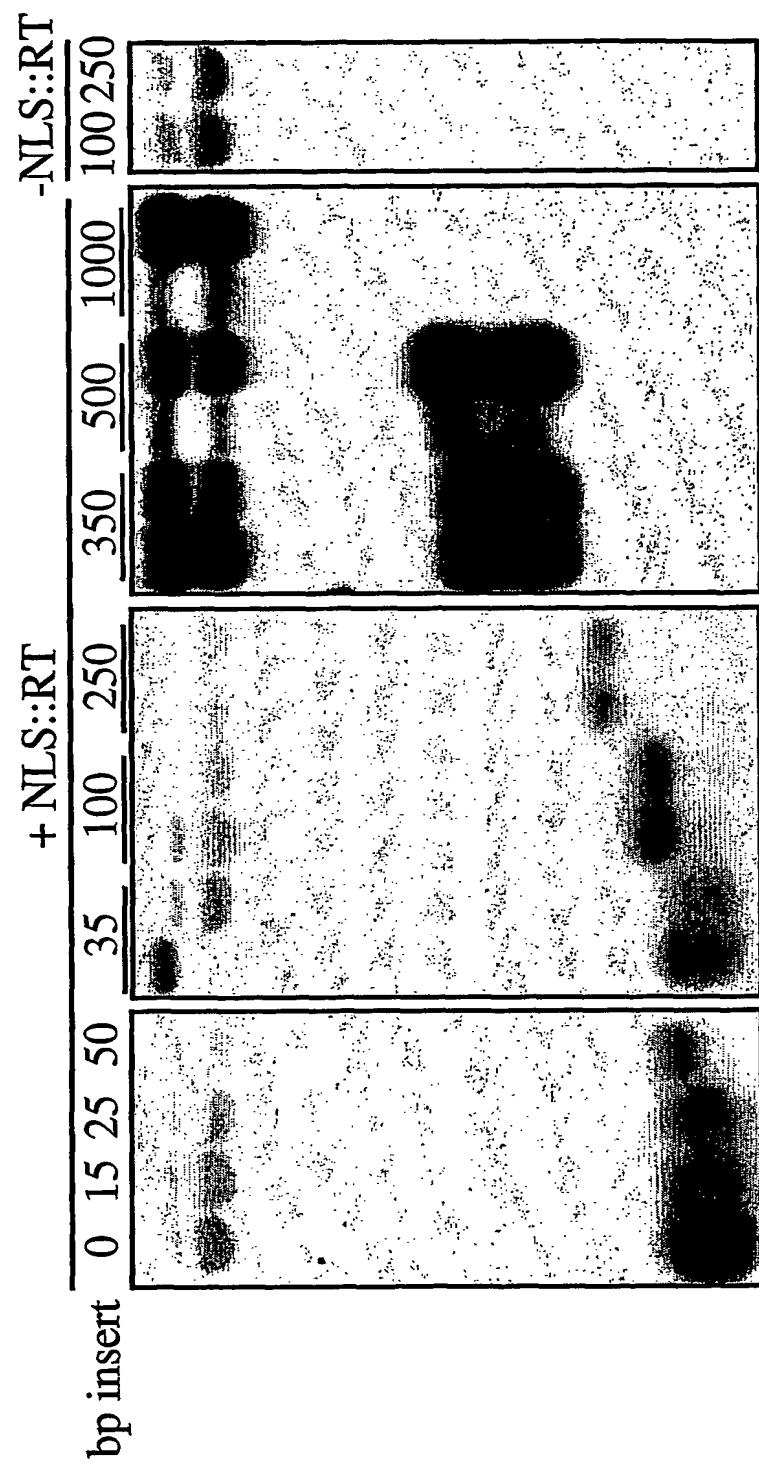
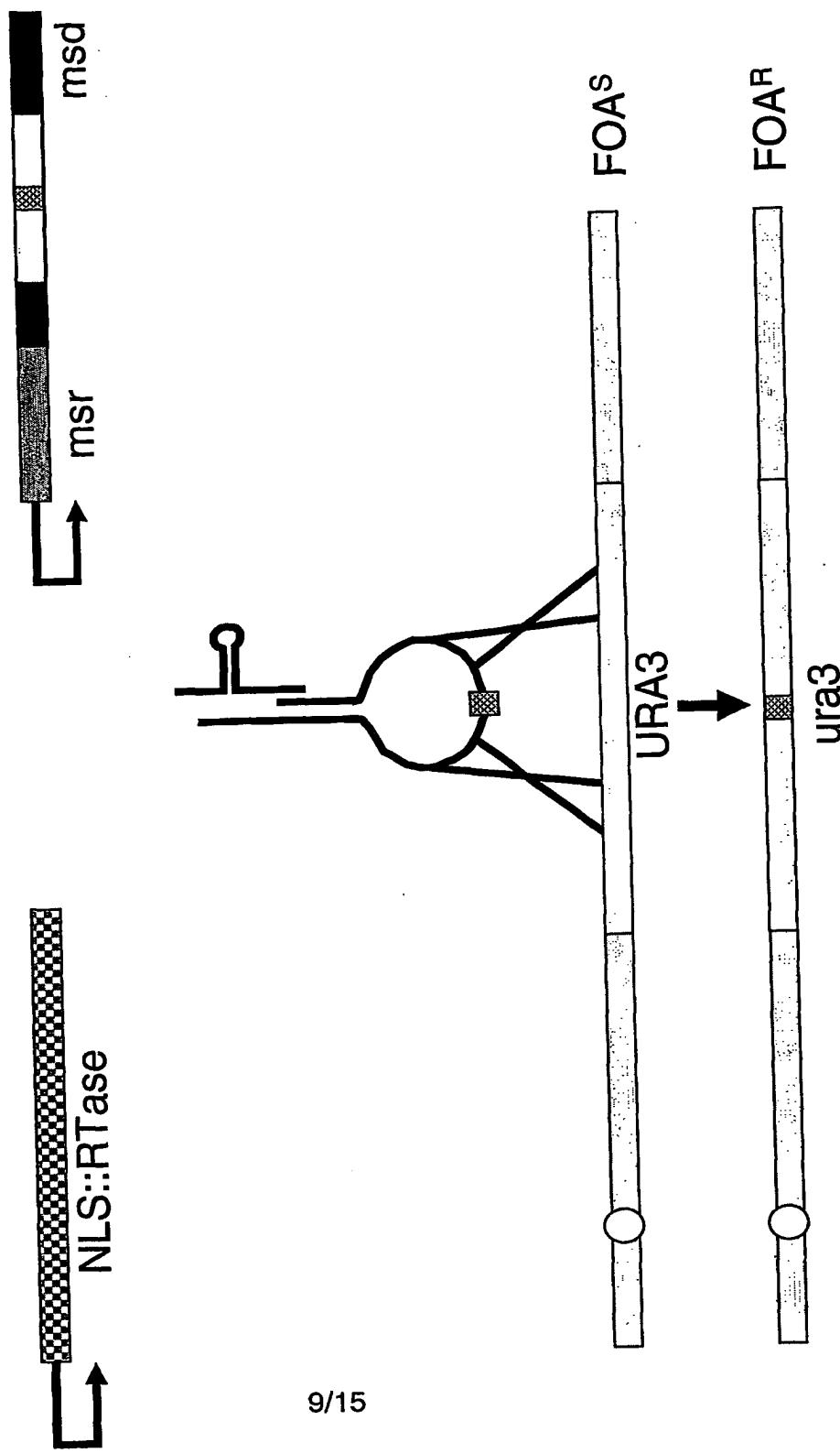


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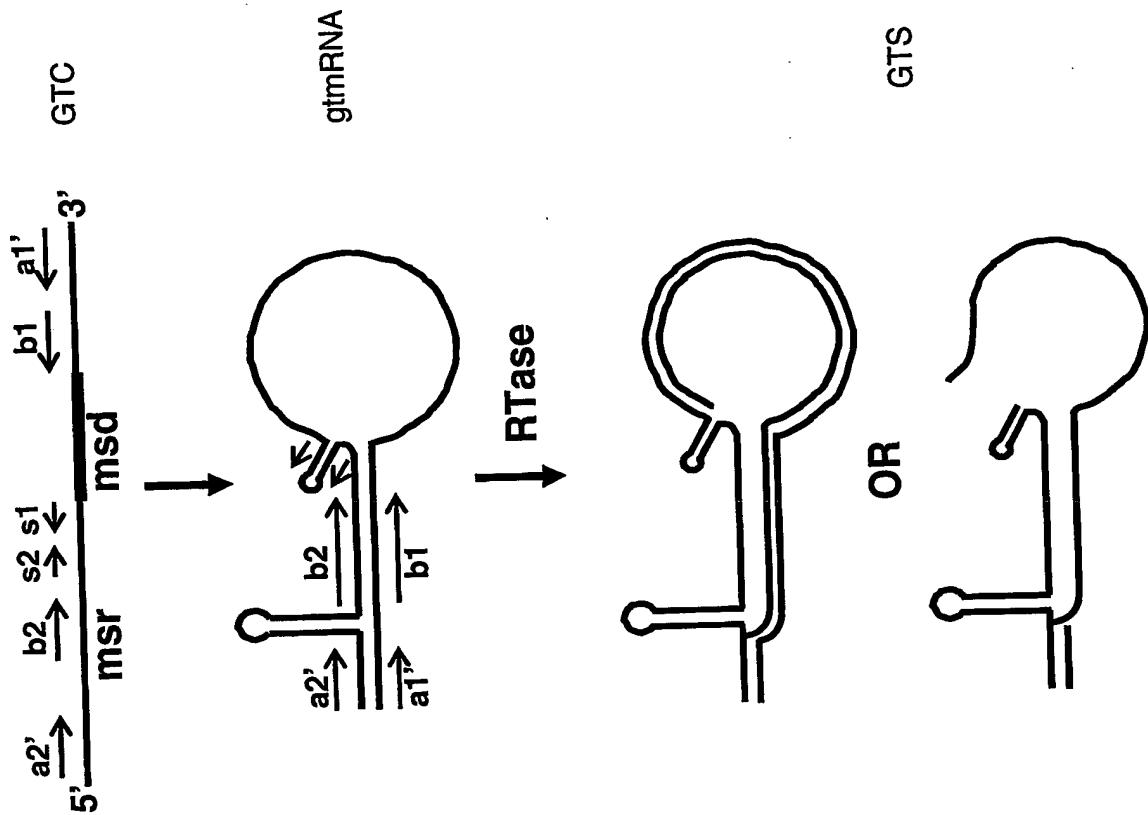


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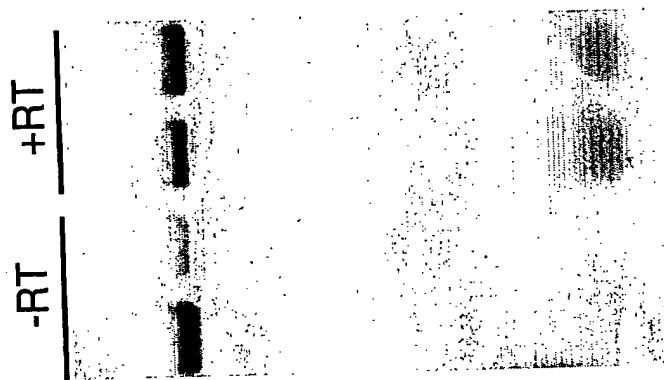
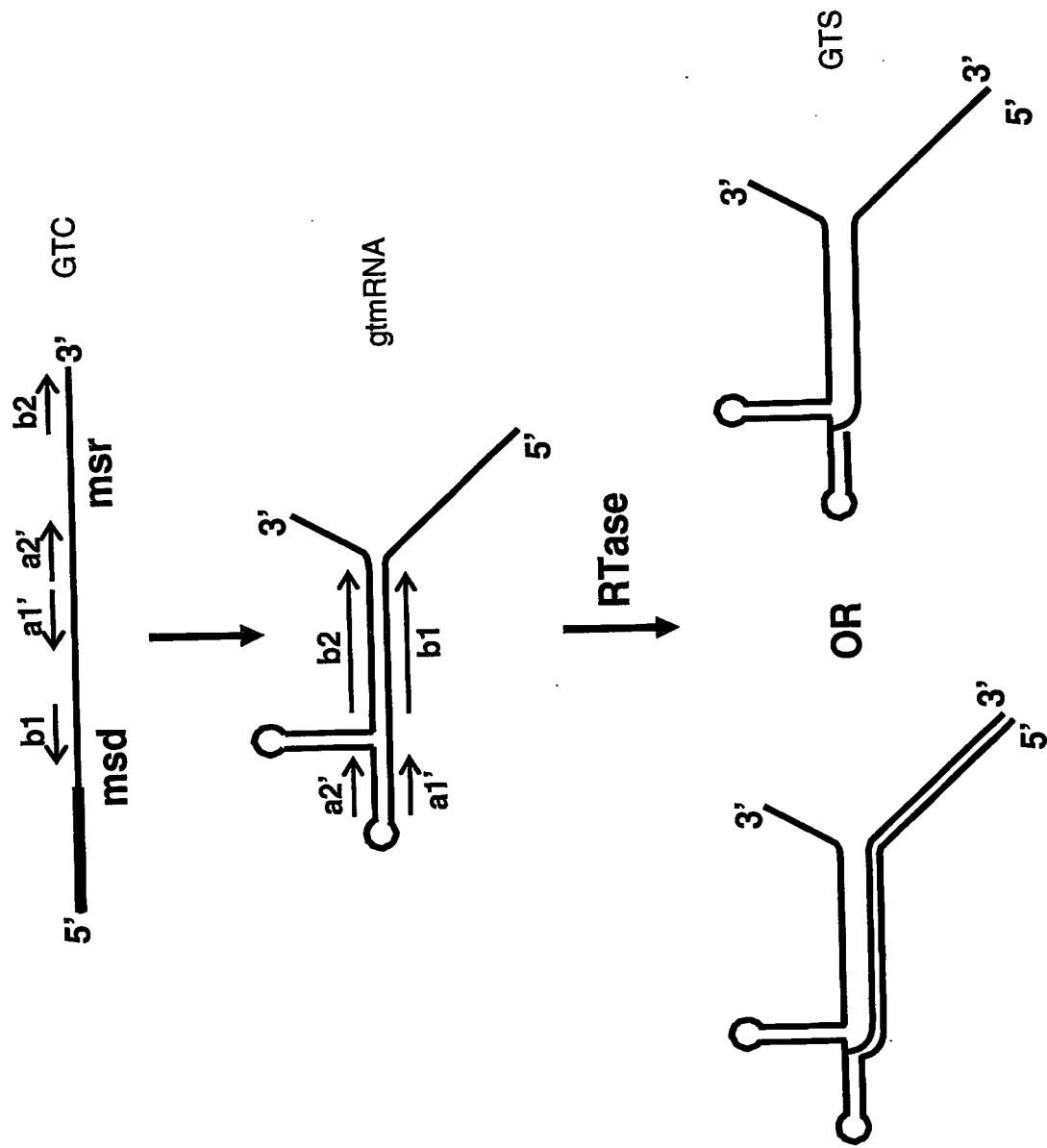


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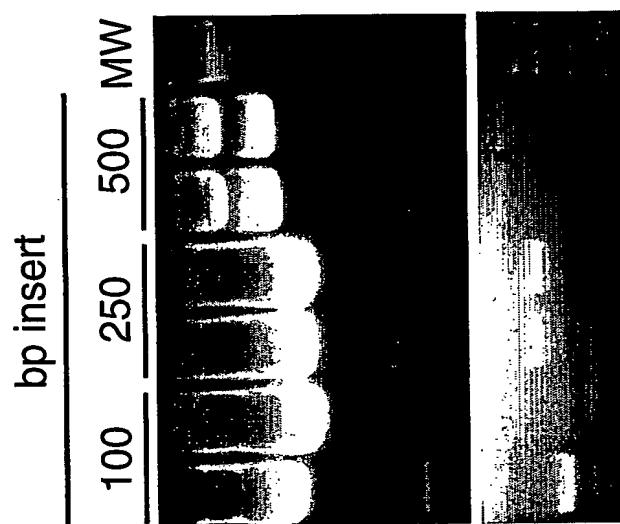


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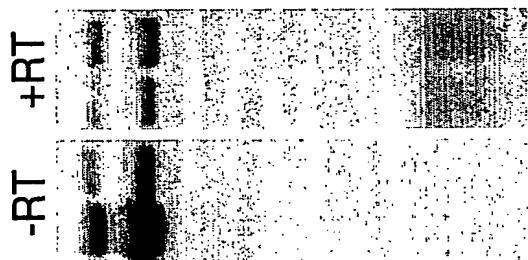
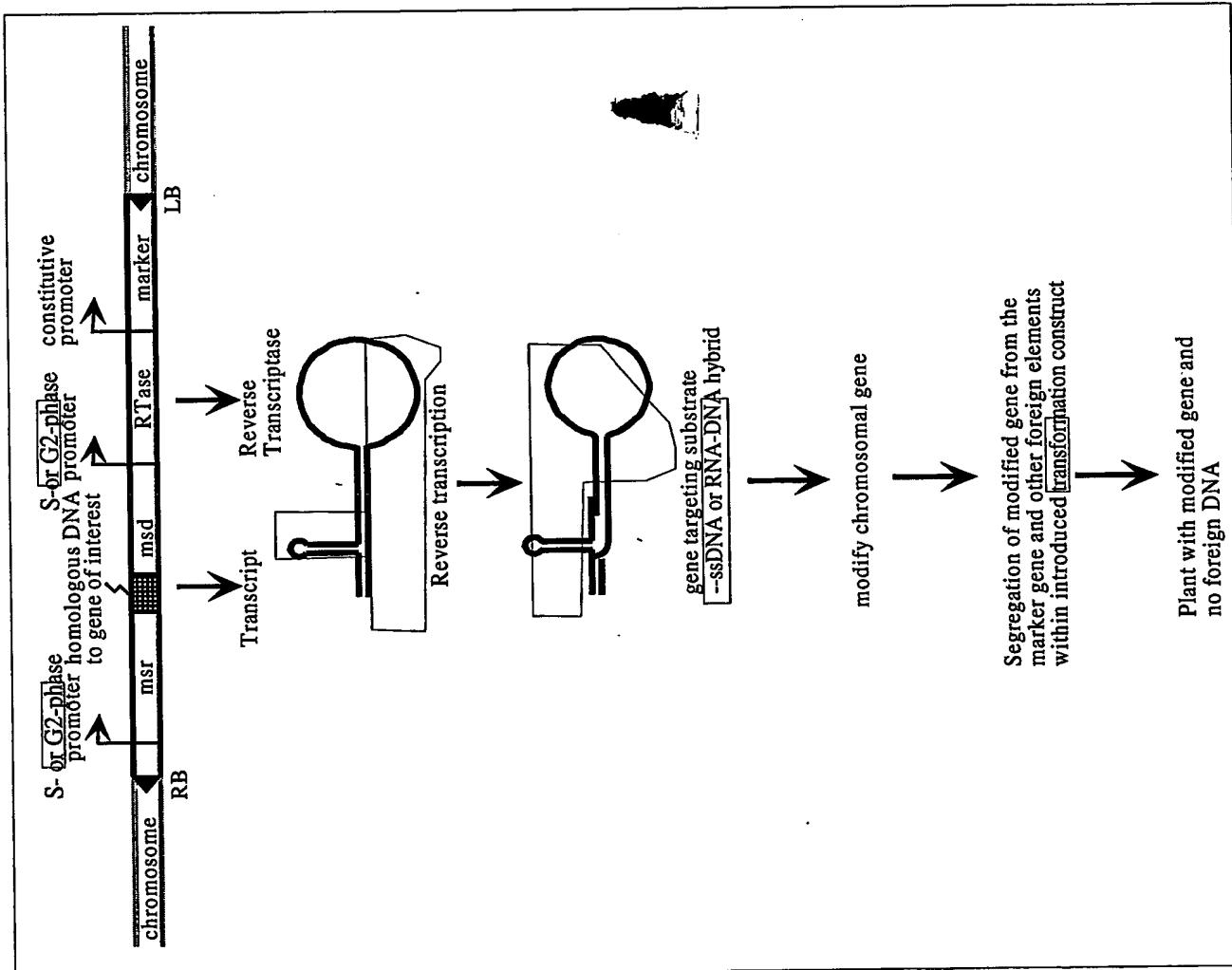


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